

### Abstract of the Disclosure

To provide a retardation film (optical compensation sheet) using a liquid crystal compound excellent in both the wavelength dispersion property and the refractive index anisotropy, disclosed is a retardation film having an optically anisotropic layer formed of a compound represented by formula (I):  $[(R^1)_a-M-(L^1)]_b-(L^2)$ , wherein  $R^1$  represents an alkyl group, at least one  $-CH_2-$  group in the alkyl group may be substituted by  $-O-$ ,  $-S-$ ,  $-C(=O)-$ ,  $-N(R^2)-$ ,  $-CH=CH-$  or  $-C\equiv C-$ ,  $R^2$  represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group, M represents a group comprising three or more aromatic rings,  $L^1$  represents a single bond or a divalent alkylene group, the  $-CH_2-$  group in the alkylene group may be substituted by  $-O-$ ,  $-S-$ ,  $-C(=O)-$  or  $-N(R^2)-$ ,  $L^2$  represents a b-valent cyclic, alkene or alkyne group, a represents the number of  $R^1$ s substituted to M, and b represents an integer of 2 to 6.